

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
2023 Camp Verde Flooding

WHEREAS, starting on March 15, 2023, heavy rains severely impacted Yavapai County and its communities; and

WHEREAS, heavy rains and cumulative runoff from the surrounding mountains resulted in swollen streams rivers and washes, cresting well above normal flows in numerous waterways throughout Yavapai County, especially within the Town of Camp Verde, resulting in damage to the public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, evacuations and/or pre-evacuation orders were issued for the communities of Camp Verde, Rimrock, Sedona, Cornville, Bridgeport, Clarkdale, Lake Montezuma, Black Canyon City, Mayer, Prescott, and Chino Valley; and

WHEREAS, flood water and debris flows impacted roads resulting in temporary road closures, increased the risk to life safety, and impacted response times and activities by emergency services; and

WHEREAS, local emergency services performed several swift water rescues within abnormally swollen waterways; and

WHEREAS, flood impacts to local communities occurred, including, but not limited to, damage to private property, and damage to roadway and drainage systems; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors for Yavapai County declared on March 28, 2023, that a state of emergency exists in Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. §26-303(D).

NOW, THEREFORE I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that this situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Yavapai County, due to flood damage, effective March 15 through March 23, 2023; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000.00 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 12th day of April in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Three and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

